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FROM USDEL CSCE

- 1. USIS MONITORING OF YUGOSLAV PRESS REVEALED ARTICLE IN SMALL, POPULAR WEEKLY TABLOID, NEDELJNE NOVOSTI DATED JUNE 19, ENTITLED "CSCE WITHOUT PROTOCOL: MICROPHONE DISCLOSED." ONLY ACCOUNT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED US CORRESPONDENT'S "BUGGING" OF CONFERENCE CENTER HALL WHERE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: IN SPITE OF ALL EXPECTATIONS, AND ALREADY DURING THE FIRST WORKING DAY, THE BELGRADE REVIEW CSCE WAS VIOLATED: AMONG THE DELEGATES HAS BEEN FOUND A MICROPHONE-TRANSMITTER. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SECURITY SERVICE SUCCEEDED INDISCOVERING THE OWNER OF THAT TRANSMITTER, SO THAT THE FIRST WORKING SESSION, HELD AFTER THE FORMAL OPENING, REMAINED CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, AS IT WAS FORESEEN. --THE MICROPHONE IS IN FACT A VERY COMPLICATED SPECIAL DEVICE USED TO EAVESDROP-- AS IT WAS LEARNED LATER --AND IT WAS MOUNTED BY A U.S. JOURNALIST WHO, FOR A CERTAIN TIME, MONITORED OUTSIDE THE HALL WHAT

WAS HAPPENING AND BEING SPOKEN BEHINE THE CLOSED DOOR. DURING THE SESSION HE WAS SITTING IN THE HALL AND WITH THE HELP OF ANOTHER SIMILAR DEVICE WHICH HAD AN ATTENNA WHICH HE DIRECTED TOWARD THE PLACE WHERE HE LEFT THE TRANSMITTER, HE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING CONTACT ON THE WAVELENGTH OF THE DEVICE USED FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY SERVICE DISCOVERED IT WHEN HE WAS DIALING FOR THE CORRESPONDING WAVELENGTH AND ALL ENDED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE INGENIOUS JOURNALIST. END TEXT.

3. NEITHER USIS NOR DELEGATION MEMBERS HEARD ABOUT INCIDENT FROM OTHER SOURCES AMONGST PRESS. SHERER

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